exclusively on the production of University level books in Indian languages instead of engaging themselves in activities not connected with change of medium;

IV. The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology should function as a policy-making body for switch over of medium and should monitor and co-ordinate book-production activities of university level literature in Indian languages. The Commission should therefore, be accorded the enhanced status of statutory organisation;

V. Four zonal Co-ordination Committees should be set up for co-ordinating the programme of book-production and Terminology in Indian languages-Southern zone, Hindi zone, Eastern zone and Western zone.

VI. Each State should have a single organization for the production of university level books in India languages which should function as a standard publishing house

VII. A separate cell in the U. G. C. as well as in each University should be set up for the implementation of regional languages as media of instruction in Universities.

Anti-Leprosy Drug

*584. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new drug for the treatment of leprosy has been developd by the World Health Organisation recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have cleared the trial of the new drug on the leprosy patients in the country;

(d) whether the safety and toxicity of the drug has been examined; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new drug Ofloxacin in combination with Rifampicin is being tested on trial basis by WHO for treatment of leprosy patients.

(c) The Government of India has recently recommended the trial of Ofloxacin in combination with Rifampicin in the trea of leprosy patients to WHO at 12 leprosy Institution of emineaced.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Safety and efficacy of Ofloxacin was first investigated clinically in Japan and European countries involving 3,340 patient, out of whom 2,498 were included in the Japanese study and 845 patients in European studies. The short term and long term toxicity studies of Ofloxacin in different species of animals have shown that the drug Ofloxacin is safe. Clinical trials conducted abroad had revealed that the drug has an excellent efficacy profile in human beings. It was found to be effective in patients of acute urinary tract infection, chronic compile cases, bacterial pneumonia and safer types of respiratory tract infections. By the time the drug was approved for marketing in India, it had

already been marketed in a number of developed countries. Multi-centric clinical trails conducted with the drug in India have shown that the drug is safe and effective.

Electrification of Railway Stations

*585. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for electrification of railway stations;

(b) the number of stations that fulfil the criteria but are yet to be electrified, zone-wise;

(c) the names of the stations selected for electrification during 1992-93; and

(d) the tentative scheme for electrification of all such stations is near future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A station is considered for electrification if:

(i) electricity is available within a distance of 1 km.

(ii) At least one pair of train stops at the station during night.

(iii) Reliable power supply at reasonable tariff is made available by the respective State Electricity Boards.

(b)	*Zone*	*No. of stations eligible but yet to be electrified*
	Central	29
	Eastern	46
	Northern	41
	North-Eastern	17
	Northeast Frontier	28
	Southern	20
	South Central	34
	South Eastern	39
	Western	24
	Total	278

(c) and (d). A statement is attached.